

TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA, THURSDAY, MAY 1, 1952

Thirteen

American Legion To Initiate 40 Saturday Night

Approximately 40 new members of the Bert S. Crossland Post 170 of the American Legion will be initiated here Saturday night, May 3, in public ceremonies beginning at 8 in the Legion hall.

Whittier's crack Legion drill team will do the initiating, according to Post Commander Bob Faren.

A free dance and refreshments will follow the initiation at approximately at 9 p.m.

Vice Commander Harry Green issued a call yesterday for veterans to "get into the post," if they do not belong. He pointed out that the post is in a position to assist them with veterans affairs.

"The dues are \$5 a year," Green said. "Anyone wishing to join the Legion or transfer membership from other posts may call Torrance 1659-J or 1829," Green said.

Torrance Legion hall is one of the most modern in the state and the post one of the most active, Commander Faren says.

Harvey Machine Considers New Magnesium Plant

Expansion of the Harvey Machine Co. operations to include the production of magnesium at Redding, Calif., was forecast this week by Rep. Clair Engle, (D., Calif.) in Washington, D. C.

Engle reported that he had received assurance from Interior Secretary Oscar Chapman that power would be available at rates low enough to produce magnesium at Redding if the proposed Trinity River project is built.

Lawrence A. Harvey, executive secretary of the Torrance company, has informed Engle that on the basis of Chapman's assurance he is sending engineers to Redding to study the possibility of establishing the magnesium plant.

Local YMCA Officers To Attend L. A. Meeting

Scheduled to attend the Los Angeles Metropolitan meeting of the YMCA today at the Breakfast Club in Los Angeles are the new officers of the Torrance YMCA, it was announced this week.

Among those slated to attend are Dr. Rollin R. Smith, chairman of the board of managers; William R. Patterson, vice-chairman; Warren Hamilton, secretary and R. I. Plomert Jr., treasurer.

The new officers were elected last April 17.



IN WYOMING . . . A/3c Charles P. Burgess, son of Tom Burgess, of 3415 W. 186th St., is presently training as an Air Force technician at the USAF Technical School at Warren Air Force Base, Wyo. Warren is a former historic cavalry post outside of Cheyenne.



PHONE REPAIRMAN . . . Airman Second Class Earl E. Thrall whose father, Robert A. Thrall lives at 1825 Torrance Blvd., inspects the main distribution frame of the telephone center at an advanced Fifth Air Force base in Korea. The 23-year-old central office equipment repairman is a member of the veteran 4th Fighter-Interceptor Wing whose North American F-86 Sabrejets have destroyed or damaged more than 400 Russian-built MIG-15 jet fighters while protecting United Nations fighter-bombers blasting vital Communist rail and supply lines in North Korea. (USAF photo).

Plan Queen Contest After School's Out

"Miss Torrance of 1952," the queen of the city, will be selected during tryouts sometime during the week following the close of school, it was announced this week by George Post, queen contest chairman.

"We felt that the week after school closing would be the most convenient for the contestants," he said.

Unlike previous contests, this year's queen will be chosen on beauty and charm alone. She will represent the city and travel with the Torrance Area Youth Band as the city's official ambassador of good will.

Queen to Be TV'd

N. T. G., famous star-starter, said yesterday that he would present the queen contestant on his weekly TV Show on KNXT.

"Granny," familiar television encee and showman, said also that he would again present "Miss Torrance of 1952" and her court on his show after the queen was elected in June.

Two events already on the queen-to-be's calendar are the Miss Universe Parade in Long Beach and the Santa Barbara Festival. The Torrance Area Youth Band, for which the queen contest is being staged as a fundraising project, will appear in both events.

Moose Install MacArthur In Colorful Rites

Installation of Marvin MacArthur as the new governor of the Torrance lodge of the Loyal Order of Moose was accomplished Sunday afternoon as the lodge's drill team led the colorful ceremonies.

MacArthur took over his office from George Powell, who was installed as the past governor of the fraternal order.

Other officers installed included James Stiles, junior governor; Abe Robinson, treasurer; Joseph Platt, prelate, and Ralph Fritz and Gordon Jones, trustees. Dan Desmond served as installing official.

The ceremonies were attended by a large contingent from the San Pedro lodge as well as members from other lodges, some as far away as Whittier.

Following the ceremonies, refreshments of cake, coffee and doughnuts were served to members and guests present.

Ticket Sales Start For Scout-O-Rama

Fired by prizes offered for their salesmanship, local Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts and Explorers this week began selling tickets for the 1952 Scout-O-Rama, to be presented by the 83,000 Scouts of the Los Angeles Area Boy Scout Council June 6 and 7 in the Coliseum.



PAUL S. KURTZ . . . On Marriage

Five Meeting Marriage Clinic Begins May 8

A special Marriage Clinic for the people of Torrance will be presented May 8 with five different lectures scheduled, all presented by noted psychologists, the Saint Andrews' Episcopal Church young people's club, sponsoring the series, has announced.

Paul S. Kurtz, Ph.D., of the Davis Seabury School of Psychology, will present three of the Thursday evening discussion-lectures. The first, May 8, will be "Do You Really Know Your Marriage Partner?"

All lectures will take place at the American Legion Hall, beginning at 8 p.m. A course fee of \$2 for the five, or 50c each, will be charged. Tickets will be available at the door.

Other topics will be: May 15; Psychological Barriers to Marriage; May 22; The Sexual Side of Marriage; May 29; Children in Marriage; June 5, Spiritual Side of Marriage.

The series is non-denominational and is open to all persons, it was stated.

Narcotics Felonies Lead Prosecutions

A report on narcotic felony prosecutions for 1951 made public today by District Attorney S. Ernest Roll shows a total of 1323 cases prosecuted.

North Torrance Civic Group Planning Dance

A total of 280 tickets have gone out for the North Torrance Civic Improvement Association dance to be held in McMaster Hall Saturday night, May 17, Dave Dyer, vice-president of the civic group, reported yesterday.

Selling tickets to the benefit dance are Scouts, members of the NTCA, and others interested in promoting civic affairs in North Torrance, Dyer said.

Music for the dance will be furnished by the Sandmen, a five-piece band. The group is asking for a 75-cent donation for the affair.

Hitchcock also announced that selling Scout-O-Rama tickets affords Scout troops and other units a golden opportunity to replenish their unit treasuries. A 10 per cent commission will be paid to the troop upon all sales made by its members and an extra 10 per cent bonus is paid on sales reported and an accounting made by May 23.

The Scout-O-Rama, Hitchcock explained, will offer entertainment for the whole family with more than 600 exhibit booths and an action every minute during the three performances of the show. Each of the Council's 16 districts will have its own show-within-the-show with booths of local units grouped together by districts.



RECEIVES AWARD . . . Receiving the Silver Star for her husband, Pfc. George J. Escobar, is Mrs. Emma Escobar and son Johnny George in ceremonies held Saturday at the post chapel at Ft. MacArthur. Maj. Gen. William B. Kean, commanding general of III Corps and Fort MacArthur, is making the posthumous award. Private Escobar graduated from Torrance High School in 1947 and was employed at National Supply Co. before entering the service in 1951. (U. S. Army photo).

Soldier's Widow Accepts Silver Star for Husband

Awarding of the nation's third highest military honor, the Silver Star, to Pfc. George J. Escobar was observed in special services at Ft. MacArthur last Saturday as Mrs. Emma Escobar, wife of the soldier, accepted the medal for her husband who died in Korea.

Pfc. Escobar who graduated from Torrance High School in 1947, distinguished himself by gallantry in action while a member of the 38th Infantry Regiment, 2nd Infantry Division, near Tauesan, Korea, the citation read.



ERNEST STEWART . . . 4th Dist. Race

'Cut Spending,' Supervisorial Candidate Tells

"Spending must be curtailed, then taxes will drop," Ernest A. Stewart, a candidate for supervisor of the Fourth District said yesterday while on a visit to Torrance.

Stewart, a tax expert and longtime resident of Los Angeles County, explained:

"It is time for a change in county government if we are to have small homeowners, small business as well as large ones, wage earners and others whose backs are to the wall and can't carry the tax load much longer. Same county policies will lift the taxpayer out of the hole they are now in," he concluded.

Stewart is opposing Raymond V. Darby, incumbent for supervisor of the Fourth District. The district covers the area from Malibu through the coast to Redondo and inland as far as West Long Beach Torrance, Gardena, Inglewood as well as the intervening territory is included in the district.

During an attack on an enemy held hill, Private Escobar's platoon was subjected to intense hostile automatic weapons and small arms fire. Completely disregarding his own safety, and despite the intense enemy fire, he advanced over the hazardous terrain and directed a devastating volume of fire into the emplacement.

He succeeded in destroying the bunker and inflicting numerous casualties upon the enemy.

In an attempt to assault the second enemy emplacement, he was fatally wounded by enemy fire before reaching it. His courageous action and self sacrificing devotion to duty were an inspiration to his comrades and enabled them to secure their objective successfully.

Awarding of the honor to Mrs. Escobar Saturday was Maj. Gen. William B. Kean, commanding general of III Corps and Fort MacArthur. Ceremonies were held in the post chapel.

Private Escobar was born in Casa Grande, Ariz., June 23, 1929 and he was employed at the National Supply Co before entering the service in 1951.

He is survived by his wife, Emma, and son Johnny.

Slate Public Hearing On Cattle Feeding Yard

A public hearing on a request to establish and operate a cattle feeding yard on the southwest corner of Earl St. and Spencer St. has been scheduled by the zoning board of the Regional Planning Commission for 10 a.m. Thursday, May 15, at the Los Angeles County Engineering Building, 108 W. Second St.

The proposed yard would be located at 4200-4232 W. Spencer St.

Rotary Club to View New Auto Club Movie

Members of the Torrance Rotary Club will view a new color sound movie produced by the Auto Club of Southern California at their May 8 meeting.



IDA MAY ADAMS . . . Seeks Bench

Campaign Boss, Committee Named For Judge Adams

Municipal Judge Ida May Adams, who seeks Office II of the Los Angeles County Superior Court, has announced the formation of a campaign committee headed by Ernest A. Stewart, noted Los Angeles economist and businessman.

Judge Adams recently received endorsements from the Greater Los Angeles CIO Council, representing some 100,000 members in the county, and from the Los Angeles County Democratic Central Committee.

Others serving on the campaign committee are R. J. Chrisman, vice-president of Farmers Insurance Group, and Judges Edward J. Brown, Orfa J. Shontz, Dailey S. Stafford, and Amerigo Bozzani, Milton Cohen, Jr., Donald Kolts, Fay Allen, Mary Foy and Gladys T. Root.

Judge Adams is seeking the office now held by Louis Burke, recent appointee to the office by Governor Warren. She has served in L. A. Municipal Court, "the world's busiest" for 20 years.



NEW GOVERNOR . . . Marvin MacArthur (left) receives the gavel, symbol of his new office as governor of the Torrance lodge of the Loyal Order of the Moose from Past Governor George Powell during installation ceremonies at the Moose Lodge Hall Sunday afternoon.